03-19-021

Practitioner's Docket No. 1001-114

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Dea

Dean Jèffrey Schneider

Application No.: 10/659,458

Group No.: 3753

Filed: September 10, 2003 Examiner: Unknown For: FUEL FILL ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant submits this statement in accordance with his duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. The submission made herewith is in no way intended as an admission that the cited items constitute material prior art or otherwise would render the claims unpatentable in any way. The submission also is in no way intended to substitute for the Examiner's own independent investigation.

Copies of foreign patent documents together with a listing on form PTO/SB/08A are submitted herewith. Copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications have not been provided due to the waiver of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i). Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. section 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

MAILING

[x] deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing Label Number EV364951727US, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: 03-18-04

FACSIMILE

transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office.

Signature

Roni L. Masquelier

(type or print name of person certifying)

references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing of a first Office Action or Notice of Allowance. No fees are believed to be due, however, if any fee is due with the filing of this paper please charge the amount to deposit account 50-1097.

Date:

3-18-04

Scott A. Chapple

Registration No. 46,287 Dobrusin & Thennisch PC

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 311

Birmingham, MI 48009

248-593-9900

Customer No. 25215

PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
r the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

ubstitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Application Number 10/659,458 Filing Date 09/10/2003 First Named Inventor Dean Jeffrey Schneider Art Unit 3753 Examiner Name <u>Unknown</u>

Complete if Known

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Attorney Docket Number Sheet 1001-114

			U. S. PATENT	DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (if known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		^{US-} 4,813,690	03/21/1989	Coburn, Jr.	
		^{US-} 4,886,182	12/12/1989	Fedelem et al.	
		US- 4,922,596	05/08/1990	Wycech	
		^{US-} 4,978,562	12/18/1990	Wycech	
		US- 5,124,186	06/23/1992	Wycech	
		^{US-} 5,266,133	11/30/1993	Hanley et al.	
		US- 5,322,100	06/21/1994	Buechler et al.	
		US- 5,358,397	10/25/1994	Ligon et al.	
		^{US-} 5,575,526	11/19/1996	Wycech	
		^{US-} 5,755,486	05/26/1998	Wycech	
		^{US-} 5,766,719	06/16/1998	Rimkus	
		^{US-} 5,884,958	03/23/1999	Oddenino	
		^{US-} 5,884,960	03/23/1999	Wycech	
		US- 5,932,680	08/03/1999	Heider	
		^{US-} 6,131,897	10/17/2000	Barz et al.	
		^{US-} 6,220,064	04/24/2001	Oddenino	
		^{US-} 6,422,575	07/23/2002	Czaplicki et al.	
		^{US-} 6,446,826	09/10/2002	Foltz et al.	

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹		ent Document -Number ⁴⁻ Kind Code ⁵ (<i>if known</i>)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	⊤ ⁶	
		wo	00/27920	05/18/2000	Sika Corporation			
				•				

Examiner	 Date	
Signature	Considered	
_		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Subs	stitute for form 1449A/PTO		Complete if Known			
-			Application Number	10/659.458		
IŃ	FORMATION DISC	CLOSURE	Filing Date	09/10/2003		
S	TATEMENT BY AF	PLICANT	First Named Inventor	Dean Jeffrey Schneider		
·		1 2107 (11)	Art Unit	3753	_	
	(Use as many sheets as nec	essary)	Examiner Name	Unknown		
Sheet	2	of 2	Attorney Docket Number	1001-114		

			U. S. PATENT	DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (d known)}	Publication Date - MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		^{US-} 6,467,834	10/22/2002	Barz et al.	
		^{US-} 6,482,486	11/19/2002	Czaplicki et al.	
		6,682,818	01/27/2004	Czaplicki et al.	
		^{US-} 6,692,347	02/17/2004	Schneider	
		US-			_
		US-			

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶		
					`			
_								
-								

Examiner	 	Date		
Signature		Considered		
Ü			1	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.